

PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

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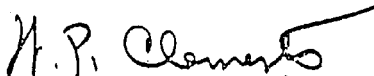
ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

June 13, 1979

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14 of the Constitution of Texas, I hereby veto House Bill 635 because of the following objections:

This bill would require the Board of Health to appoint a midwifery board which would establish voluntary training course and examination in order to supposedly improve the quality of midwife services. All this would do would allow some midwives to pass themselves off as professionals and this state recognition of midwifery would give credibility to a group that may or may not have credibility. The public would have no way of knowing whether midwives were state sanctioned or not because the whole procedure is "voluntary". No midwife, practicing in public, would be required to take any course or exam. Although the purposes of the bill are noble it is questionable if the public would be protected one bit, and I therefore veto House Bill 635.

Respectfully,


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Governor